

AMENDMENT TO SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraphs [0047] and [0049] with the following amended paragraphs:

[0047] The tool (12) for breaking hard material (R), according to the present invention, has a body (14) with an opening (16) therethrough forming a barrel (18), which can be seen most clearly in the exploded view of the tool (12) depicted in FIG. 4. The barrel (18) has an opening (28), preferably a threaded opening, at its first end (20) and a fitted opening (30) at its second end (22). A spring assembly (24) is received through the first end (20) of the barrel (18) and held in place, as shown in the drawings and discussed hereinafter. An actuator pin tube (26), having a complementary shape to that of the fitted opening, is received in the fitted opening (30) of the second end (22) of the barrel (18).

[0049] The actuator pin tube (26) has a first end (32) and a second end (34). The first end (32) of the actuator pin tube (26) is engaged securely in the fitted opening (30) of the barrel (18) in the body (14) of the tool (12). The fitted opening (30) and the first end (32) of the actuator pin tube (26) have complementary shapes designed to secure a tight fit therebetween. The second end (34) of the actuator pin tube (26) extends outward from the fitted opening (30). The actuator pin tube (26) has an opening (36) therethrough for slidably engaging an actuator pin (38), as shown in the drawings. The actuator pin (38) has a tip (40) and a retention head (42) at opposing ends (41 and 43). The tip (40) may be tapered and rounded. The retention head (42) serves to retain the actuator pin (38) in the actuator pin tube (26) by preventing the actuator pin (38) from sliding therethrough. The actuator pin (38) fits into the actuator pin tube (26) and is long enough so that the tip (40) extends through the second end (34) of the actuator pin tube (26). In a preferred embodiment, the retention head (42) may have a diameter of ¼ inch and be an 1/8-inch long.